

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

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FROM WRIGGINS FOR NEA/INS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, CE

SUBJ: "SUBSTANTIAL TRANSFORMATION" CLAUSE IN CUSTOMS RE-  
GULATIONS

1. THANKS VERY MUCH FOR REFTEL INFORMATION; IT CONFIRMS  
WHAT WE HAVE TOLD THE SRI LANKANS.
2. I HAVE HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH TRADE  
MINISTER ATHULATANSI. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST ENERGETIC AND  
ARTICULATE MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE  
HIM AS COMPLETE AN ANSWER AS POSSIBLE WHEN HE RETURNS FROM  
EUROPE AFTER THE EASTER WEEKEND. TO THIS END, I WOULD APPRE-  
CIATE RECEIVING ANY DOCUMENTATION YOU CAN PROVIDE SUCH AS  
COPIES OF APPLICABLE CUSTOMS DECISIONS, COURT RULINGS, ETC.
3. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE HIM AN AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSE  
TO HIS UNDOCUMENTED ASSERTION THAT SOME COUNTRIES, HE MENTIONED  
THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA, HAVE AT SOME TIME BEEN GIVEN  
AN EXEMPTION TO US REGULATIONS ON COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. I DOUBT  
THAT THIS IS TRUE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING AND

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LETTING ME KNOW.  
WRIGGINS

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## Message Attributes

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